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SUBJECT: SEPTEMBER 3 ELECTION TURN-OUT IN I CORPS

1. AFTER POOR BEGINNING, DUE LARGELY TO VC HARASSMENT, VOTERS

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APPEAR TO HAVE TURNED OUT IN HEAVY NUMBERS TO GENERALLY
MATCH HIGH 1966 TURN-OUT. ALTHOUGH FIGURES WILL UNDOUBTABLY
CHANGE, I CORPS RETURNS MINUS THUA THIEN ARE NOW CARRIED BY
MSS AND NATIONAL POLICE AS FOLLOWS:

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A. QUANG TRI - 90,789 PERSONS VOTED FOR 84.6 PERCENT PARTICIPATION. (90.5 PERCENT PARTICIPATION IN 1966.

B. HUE - 45,090 PERSONS VOTED FOR 82.2 PERCENT PARTICIPATION. (84 PERCENT IN 1966).

C. DANARM - 93,532 PERSONS VOTED FOR 80.6 PERCENT PARTICIPATION. (81.2 PERCENT IN 1966).

D. QUANG NAM - 135,182 PERSONS VOTED FOR 88.1 PERCENT PARTICIPATION. (89.3) PERCENT IN 1966).

E. QUANG TIN - 88,013 PERSONS VOTED FOR 93.1 PERCENT PARTICIPATION (92.1 PERCENT IN 1963.

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F. QUANG NGAI A 1"•,188 PERSONS VOTED FOR 81.5 PERCENT PARTICIPATION. (84.5 PERCENT IN 1966).

2. INITIAL REPORTS TENDED TO INDICATE MUCH LOWER PARTICIPATION THAN THAT APPARENTLY ACHIEVED. INVESTIGATION REVEALS, HOWEVER, THAT FIGURES GIVEN OUT BY VARIOUS AGENCIES AS REPRESENTING THOSE WHO HAD VOTED BY A CERTAIN HOU, IN FACT REPRESENTED ONLY THOSE INCOMPLETE FIGURES RECEIVED FROM VOTING LOCATIONS BY THAT TIME. THUA THIEN, FOR INSTANCE, STILL HAS NOT RECEIVED FIGURES FROM ALL LOCATIONS WHICH ACCOUNTS FOR LACK OF TOTAL. QUANG NGAI ALSO REPRESENTS INCOMPLETE RETURNS AND FIGURE EXPECTED TO GO HIGHER WHEN COMPLETE FIGURES RECEIVED.

3. QUANG TRI REPRESENTS ANOTHER SPECIAL CASE. DONG HA CAME UNDER HEAVY FIRE FROM ROUGHLY 0800 UNTIL 1000 HORS THIS MORNING. IT WAS NOT ANTICIPATED THAT 3 POPULOUS VILLAGES AROUND DONG HA (PROBABLY DONG HA, CAM PHONRMN AND CAM THANH) WOULD BE ABLE TO VOTE. SHELLING STOPPED, HOWEVER, AFTER 1000 HOURS AND ALTHOUGH SUBJECT TO HARRASSING FIRE, VILLAGES WERE ABLE TO VOTE. THERE WERE 20 VC INITIATED INCIDENTS, REPORTED IN PROVINCE INCLUDING 5 MORTARINGS OF POLLING STATIONS AND GO

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BALLOT BOX STOLEN BUT ACCORDING TO MACV G-2 ADVISOR REPORT, ALL AREAS SCHEDULED TO VOTE WERES ABLE TO VOTE.

4. IN SURPRISING TURN EARLY, UNCONFIRMED REPORTS FROM NATIONAL POLICE SOURCES INDICATE BLGANG HAS GONE SUU WITH NEARLY A N THOUSAND VOTE LEAD OVER THIEU. HOWEVER HUE HAS GIVEN THIEU LEAD WITH UNKNOWN MARGIN.

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